

Animas River Update

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Topic: Opening the Animas and San Juan Rivers for Recreational, Agricultural and Municipal Drinking Water uses.

Message:

Many have asked when access to the Animas and San Juan Rivers will be restored for such activities and uses as rafting, fishing, irrigation and drinking water intake. EPA, Tribal, State and local officials are coordinating those decisions based on risk screening levels, sampling data and other related factors. We do not anticipate any reopening decisions until at least Friday, Aug. 14. The timing of these decisions could vary among local, state and tribal governments based on local conditions and by uses. Until notified otherwise people should continue to abide by existing closures.